

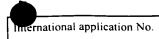
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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II Priority						
III Non-establishme	ent of opinion with regard to n	ovelty, inventive	step and industrial applicability			
IV Lack of unity of	invention					
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VI Certain docume	nts cited					
VII Certain defects in the international application						
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I. Basis of the							
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YES

NO

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Reasoned statement under Art citations and explanations sup	icle 35(2) with regard to novelty, porting such statement	inventive step or industrial appli	cability;
Statement			•-
Novelty (N)	Claims	2-11	YES
Troversy (11)	Claims	1, 12	NO
Inventive sten (IS)	Claims		YES
inventive step (15)	Claims	2-11	NO
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Citations and explanations

Industrial applicability (IA)

- 1. Method Claim 1
- 1.1 Document JP-A-08 111 132 (D1) shows a method according to the preamble of Claim 1 (see D1, abstract and Figure 1A), wherein the electrical and/or electronic components are represented by a light emitting diode 3.

This known method also comprises the steps defined in the characterising part of Claim 1, as shown in Figures 2A to 2C. Said document first envisages a flexible layer 1 provided with conductors 2a and 2b (Figure 2A), the light emitting diode 3 is then mounted on said layer 1 and connected to said conductors (Figure 2B). Said layer 1 is then rigidified by overmoulding it with a material 5 intended to form a rigid support (Figure 2C).

Therefore, the subject matter of Claim 1 is not novel over D1.

1.2 For the sake of comprehensiveness, it should be noted that the subject matter of Claim 1 is also disclosed in document DE-A-196 50 468 (D2) (see in particular Column 1, lines 28-47, Column 3, lines

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20-33, Column 9, lines 47-65 and the figures).

2. Dependent Claims 2 to 11

These claims relate to embodiments of the method of Claim 1 the steps of which are known to a person skilled in the art and do not lead to an unexpected technical effect within the scope of the present application.

Therefore, the subject matter of these claims lacks inventive step.

Independent product Claim 12

The objection raised against Claim 1 concerning the lack of novelty applies to the subject matter of independent Claim 12 for the same reasons. Said claim is merely the resulting product of the claimed method.

4. It would appear that all of the claims meet the requirement of industrial applicability (PCT Article 33(1) and (4)).

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7111	Certain observations	on the international	application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

With a view to meeting the requirements of PCT Rule 5.1(a)(ii), documents D1 and D2 should have been cited in the description and the corresponding prior art should have been indicated.